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TO : Chief, VLM  
FROM : COS, Karlsruhe *e/KCB*  
SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational

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SPECIFIC - [ ] Discussions with Johan PAJAUJIS.

Ref: MGM-A-1947; MGM-A-1957; MUNI-939.

Summary: Johan PAJAUJIS, the VLIK protest representative in Stockholm, Sweden, arrived in Germany on 10 December for a series of conferences with the [ ] and the undersigned case officer. The principle part of the information gathered from these discussions has been reported in reference memoranda. This memorandum deals with the following topics:

1. PAJAUJIS' background.
2. ZAKEVICIUS' background.
3. Reasons for the [ ] ZAKEVICIUS feud.
4. Possible effect on operational matters of the [ ] ZAKEVICIUS feud.
5. ZILINSKAS' background.
6. Agreement reached with PAJAUJIS.

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1. At VLIK's invitation and expense, PAJAUJIS arrived in Germany from Stockholm on 10 December. On the way to Germany he stopped for a day in Paris where he saw SIRAJUNAS. During PAJAUJIS' stay in Munich with [ ] a series of conferences were held with the case officer, and on 15 December PAJAUJIS left for Tübingen for discussions with the VLIK representatives. PAJAUJIS expects to return to Stockholm in time for Christmas.

2. The principle part of the information gathered from the PAJAUJIS discussions is contained in reference dispatches. We are giving below supplementary data which may serve to complement the previously reported information.

3. The following is a summary of PAJAUJIS' background:

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a. Jonas PAJAUJIS was born on 10 January 1920, in Zubriai, Marijampole District, Lithuania. Subject graduated from the Marijampole High School in 1938 and entered the University of Vytautas the Great at Kaunas. The Soviet occupation found him at the University where he was specializing in architecture. At the University, PAJAUJIS was a member of the Catholic Students' Association, "Ateitis", as well as a member of the professional society, "Grandis".

b. In the course of the Soviet occupation, the Catholic Association "Ateitis" was reorganized to become an underground clandestine movement. PAJAUJIS was charged with organizing clandestine groups in the Engineering College, University of Kaunas. In 1941 Subject became a member of the Lithuanian Activist Front Movement. During the June 1941 uprising of the underground, PAJAUJIS personally participated in the uprising with his fellow students.

c. Up to the first part of 1942, PAJAUJIS was a teacher of physics at the Kalvarijs High School and then returned to the University of Kaunas to complete his studies. PAJAUJIS became chairman of the now clandestine "Ateitis" Society at the University. Following the closing of all universities in Lithuania by the Germans, PAJAUJIS again reorganized the "Ateitis" to meet the new situation.

d. In the Fall of 1943, PAJAUJIS was with the Lithuanian Front Underground Headquarters, where he was assigned first to the Organization Section and later to the Press and Information Section. In the first part of 1944 Subject worked in the Coding and Communication Section of the VLIK Headquarters. In March 1944, PAJAUJIS joined Gen. PLECHAVICIUS' Home Brigade (Vistine Rinktinė) and was assigned to the Headquarters 3rd Department under AECOM. Paulius

e. On 19 May 1944, PAJAUJIS was arrested by the Gestapo in Kaunas and taken to the concentration camp located at Stutthof near Danzig. On 3 May 1945, Subject was liberated by the British Army from the concentration camp at Neustadt near Lubeck. On 12 May 1945, PAJAUJIS was taken by the Swedish Red Cross for emigration to Sweden but got only as far as Copenhagen where he and ten other Balts were dismissed by the Red Cross for reasons unknown. Subject believes that the Balts were dropped in Denmark by the Swedish Red Cross in fear of Soviet protests. This incident did not delay PAJAUJIS very long for on 20 August 1945 he made his own way illegally into Sweden where he has been living ever since.

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f. Subject is currently working in Stockholm and Eskilstuna as an architect. His correct address is as follows:

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g. In January 1947, PAJAUJIS became Secretary of the Central Board of the Lithuanian Society in Sweden, and since October 1946 has been co-editor of the Society's newspaper "Pragiedruia". Subject is also a member of the Baltic Humanitarian Association in Sweden.

h. In 1948, PAJAUJIS was charged by [ ] to investigate the "DEKSNYS Affair". Subject was also charged by [ ] to maintain contact with the Special PDPS Representatives, SKRAJUNAS and AUTKONIS. In July 1948, PAJAUJIS attended the Baden Eaden meeting and was assigned the task of maintaining and developing necessary contacts in Sweden on VLIK's behalf.

i. [ ] describes PAJAUJIS as follows, "PAJAUJIS is a persevering and diligent young man. He has stood the test of conspiratorial work and passed in an excellent manner. He is an idealist without any personal ambitions for power or influence".

j. The case officer was favorably impressed by PAJAUJIS' honesty and sincerity. However, during the conferences, PAJAUJIS appeared to be always on his guard not to reveal more than he should. This made the task of gathering essential information somewhat similar to pulling teeth. PAJAUJIS definitely is a loyal VLIK member and the undersigned believes that PAJAUJIS would never agree to be simply an agent of a foreign power, as long as our interests are in line with Lithuania's national aspirations. PAJAUJIS can be counted on to cooperate with us fully and ably.

k. PAJAUJIS' relations with ZAKEVICIUS in Sweden have been "cordial and that's all". Though we presume that you are in possession of ZAKEVICIUS' complete biography, we are giving below a summary of his background as it was given to us by th [ ]

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a. Stasys ZAKVICIUS is a proximately 40 years of age. Subject graduated from the Kaunas High School and from the College of Law, University of Kaunas. In about 1937-1938, ZAKVICIUS studied in London, England, on a Rockefeller Scholarship. Upon returning to Lithuania, ZAKVICIUS became assistant professor of law at the University of Lithuania. From 1941 to 1943 he was Dean of the Law College. The capitulation of Germany found ZAKVICIUS in Germany, and in 1946 he made his way to England. Subject remained in England for two years and emigrated to Sweden in 1948.

b. ZAKVICIUS is married to EILEIKA, daughter of the former Rector of the University of Vilnius.

c. Politically, ZAKVICIUS is a liberal-socialist and was active in the Union of Combatants for Lithuania's Freedom. Currently he is thoroughly unwelcomed by VLIK and only the representative of the Peasant Populist Union Party, Pranas BILINSKAS-ACIULIS, has expressed a desire to reach some agreement with him. Until this date ZAKVICIUS has been acting outside of VLIK channels, being closely associated with DEKSNYS and BILINSKAS.

c. [ ] describes Subject as being an individual of unlimited personal ambitions, a political intriguer, always looking for an opportunity to increase and exercise his personal powers.

5. As far as we know now, and we still do not know the whole story, top level [ ] and SERAJUNAS object to ZAKVICIUS on the following basis:

a. He is not following Lithuania's national aspirations, but, through his own personal ambitions, has permitted himself to become an intelligence agent in the pay of foreign powers. These "foreign powers" are probably Sweden, England, and an individual named ROSENBLAT who presumably acts on behalf of the United States.

b. He has refused to subordinate his personal ambitions to the Supreme Lithuanian Committee as represented by VLIK.

c. He is not acting in accordance with the ELPS interests or desires as explained to him and DEKSNYS by the ELPS Special Representative, SERAJUNAS.

6. VLIK, of course, does not recognize DEKSNYS' "arbitrary" appointment of ZAKVICIUS as "his successor". The question is, in exactly what did ZAKVICIUS "succeed" DEKSNYS? The ARCELS claim that the only possible answer is that ZAKVICIUS "succeeded" DEKSNYS in being an intelligence agent of foreign powers. The

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AGENTS believe that upon receiving ALBERTS' reports, the BERS in Lithuania will entirely disassociate itself from ZAKSIS which will leave ZAKVICIUS with no standing at all. PAJANIS states that ZAKVICIUS is regularly employed as a Swedish intelligence agent, makes occasional trips to London and may have some old contacts there which may be helping him financially, while, at the same time, ZAKVICIUS is contacted in Sweden by ROSENELAT presumably on behalf of the United States. Being a Swedish intelligence agent, with financial help from other interested powers, ZAKVICIUS naturally plays an important role. With Estonian Maj. VALIN and Latvian General TERPIS, ZAKVICIUS forms the "Baltic Delegation" with which the Swedish intelligence maintains liaison on operational matters such as the TILSTON expedition. PAJANIS on the other hand, has his own direct contact with the Estonians and Latvians, from whom he receives his information and thus by-passes the Swedes and ZAKVICIUS entirely.

Field Comment: We have been unable at this time to find out the names of PAJANIS' Estonian and Latvian contacts who keep him informed on the TILSTON operation. The IC have invited both ZAKVICIUS and LOZORAITIS to a conference in Germany. LOZORAITIS is currently on his way back from a visit to the United States and is expected to be in Paris around the 27th of December. They believe that it may be possible that ZAKVICIUS will time his arrival in Paris to coincide with that of LOZORAITIS, and then both may come to Germany. In such event, we believe that PAJANIS prefers not to reveal the names of his contacts until the ZAKVICIUS matter is settled one way or the other. Officially, PAJANIS informed the case officer that he did not "have the permission of the individuals concerned to reveal their names at this time". We did not believe that the time was opportune to press the question. We presume that the real reason for PAJANIS' silence on this question is his knowledge that we are in contact with ZAKVICIUS through ROSENELAT, and that if we choose to continue this contact in preference to VLIK, PAJANIS would have compromised his sources to ZAKVICIUS.

7. Both the NEGANS and we fully realize that unless the ZAKEVICIUS-VLIK affair is settled it will definitely have a negative effect on our operations from Sweden. We can easily foresee a situation arising as follows:

a. The Estonians with Swedish backing organize an expedition into the Baltics.

b. The Estonians inform both ZAKEVICIUS in his capacity as a Swedish intelligence agent, and PAJAUJIS in his capacity as the VLIK representative, that the Estonians have room for two Lithuanians on their expedition.

c. ZAKEVICIUS recommends his own man. PAJAUJIS recommends his man, who will actually be our man trained by us here in Germany.

d. The Estonians accept both men in order to keep everybody happy.

e. Upon arriving in Lithuania, the two Lithuanians begin denouncing each other or simply disposing of one another. This is the current situation arising out of the TILSTONE expedition with LERHYS and AULRONIS being the principle dramatis personae.

Field Comment: We believe that the above situation may only be avoided if Stockholm has ZAKEVICIUS firmly under control and simply informs him that the Lithuanian contingent will be provided by us and that he will have nothing to do with it. Obviously the couriers provided us by the [ ] will be instructed by the [ ] to avoid all contact with ZAKEVICIUS, and accept orders only from PAJAUJIS. We would be very pleased to receive your and [ ] comments on this situation which we expect to arise by this Spring. In judging our future relations with ZAKEVICIUS, kindly consider the following additional "hints" of which the undersigned case officer is aware, but can not fully report on at this time because he received only the slightest inference from the [ ] to the following effect:

a. Unless ZAKEVICIUS chooses on his own initiative to disappear from the scene, VLIK and all of its associates will start a powerful campaign

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to discredit and eliminate him from the "international picture", i.e., specifically request the Estonian and Latvian National Committees to break all relations with ZAKREVICIUS;

b. WLL in its "official capacity" will intervene with the Swedish intelligence to discontinue their utilization of ZAKREVICIUS; and

c. The BIPS will be informed by SKRAJUNAS through ALIENIS to "liquidate" all individuals not provided with SKRAJUNAS' pass words.

8. Another Lithuanian on the Swedish scene is Vladas ZILINSKAS. Subject is approximately 50 years of age and formerly served at the Lithuanian Legation in Stockholm as a Commercial Attache. ZILINSKAS completed his high school education in Lithuania and then graduated from the Advanced Commercial School in Denmark, to which he was appointed on a scholarship provided by the Lithuanian Government. Subject started his diplomatic service in about 1935 when he was assigned to the Department of Foreign Trade. ZILINSKAS served for a short time at the Lithuanian embassy in London prior to his assignment to Stockholm. During the war, Subject was instrumental in assisting Lithuania's underground communications with Sweden. ZILINSKAS does not belong to any one political party but has national liberal leanings toward the Lithuanian National Union Party. ZILINSKAS is rather hot tempered and has definite personal ambitions. He is cautious and reserved in his relations with others, but is an individual with whom it is possible to reach agreements. ZILINSKAS is apparently in contact with the British intelligence and during the organization of the TILSTONE expedition contributed 20,000 Swedish kroners toward necessary expenses. ZILINSKAS is on friendly personal terms with ZAKREVICIUS. PAJAUJIS knows him only socially.

9. Agreement in principle has been reached with PAJAUJIS on the following matters:

a. PAJAUJIS will continue his direct contact with the Estonians and Latvians but henceforth will submit regular reports to [ ] on all of his activities. Such reports will be forwarded through channels to be provided by us.

b. In developing his Estonian and Latvian contacts, and also on his own initiative, PAJAUJIS will examine and explore all possible

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legal and illegal lines of communication leading into the USSR from Sweden via Finland, Poland, and Norway, and also lines directly across the Baltic Sea.

c. In order to be prepared for all eventualities, PAJAJIS will investigate and recommend to us, for training, one or two reliable Lithuanian individuals now residing legally in Sweden who would be willing to undertake a mission into the USSR.

Field Comment: This point was agreed upon on the theory that in case we encounter difficulties in shipping our Germany-trained personnel into Sweden, we will always have at least one trained individual ready on the spot.

d. Upon returning to Sweden and discussing the matter with the individuals concerned, PAJAJIS will reveal to us by name all of his current Estonian and Latvian contacts.

Field Comment: PAJAJIS will inform his Estonian contact that, as a result of his discussions with VLIK concerning the Estonian desire for direct contact with the Americans, VLIK has agreed to forward the Estonian request to their American contacts, but can do so only if the Estonian memorandum is signed by responsible Estonian officials. PAJAJIS offered the Estonian request, which was similar to the one given to us by SIKAS (Ref: WCK-A-100), to the case officer, but the undersigned refused to accept it without the names and signatures of the responsible individuals.

e. PAJAJIS will personally meet and care for any AGENTS arriving in Sweden who may be dispatched by us or who may be passing through Sweden on their way west from the USSR. Proper recognition words will be agreed upon when definite agreement is reached on this whole matter.

10. We are anxiously awaiting your long-promised comments on the [redacted], and would be pleased to be informed whether this operation has thus far been developed along the lines envisioned by you.

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